

Josiah West study

by Susan Swanby 7/28/2019

In Clatsop County are West Lake and a small community known as West. Naming of these places are due to the entrepreneurial spirit of Josiah West, who along with his wife Lamira, lived and worked at this locale in the early 1900's. Josiah West was born March 21, 1831 in New York, and died at the age of 89 years at his home near West Station, a now abandoned stop of the coastal route of the SP&S railroad (on August 10, 1920).¹ He had lived a life similar to many settlers of the time, doing the hard work of building a home and livelihood, and taking ownership in part of America's new frontier State of Oregon.

He and his wife had come to Clatsop County, Oregon in 1859, the year this land was admitted to the Union. His wife was Lamira Harrison, daughter of John Harrison, a man who two decades earlier had built one of the first grist mills in Oregon.^{2 3} (Wondering - did Josiah and Lamira meet in New York or Oregon?) Lamira and John had nine children, many of whom remained on parcels handed down by their parents.

Josiah West raised dairy cattle and had a cheese factory, the first in the area. His De Lavel cream separator was operated under real horse-power, with a belt from the separator on the porch to a wheel in the shed where a horse walked round and round. The dairy operation is described in detail in 'Life on Clatsop', by Inez Stafford Hanson. Josiah also served as a Justice of the Peace at one time.⁴

Oregon Land

Josiah West purchased many parcels of land when he first came to Clatsop County, at one time owning the equivalent of about three sections of land per his account. Eventually he transferred title of many parcels to his children. In a 1913 interview Josiah commented, "I bought a section of land when I first came here, for twenty-five hundred dollars, and I kept on buying as long as I found anyone willing to sell. I finally owned twenty-one hundred acres of land here...I cut my ranch up and gave a chunk to each of my children, so that I only have about a section left now."⁵

The Farms

In 1879, Josiah west had three farms and over one hundred cows. A newspaper stated that Josiah was "one of the most successful farmers of Clatsop County." He raised Angora goats, mentioned twelve acres of cranberries in one interview, and it was reported that products from his cattle was his principal business including the sale of milk and cheese.

1 Obituary- Aug.11,1920 Oregonian p.6

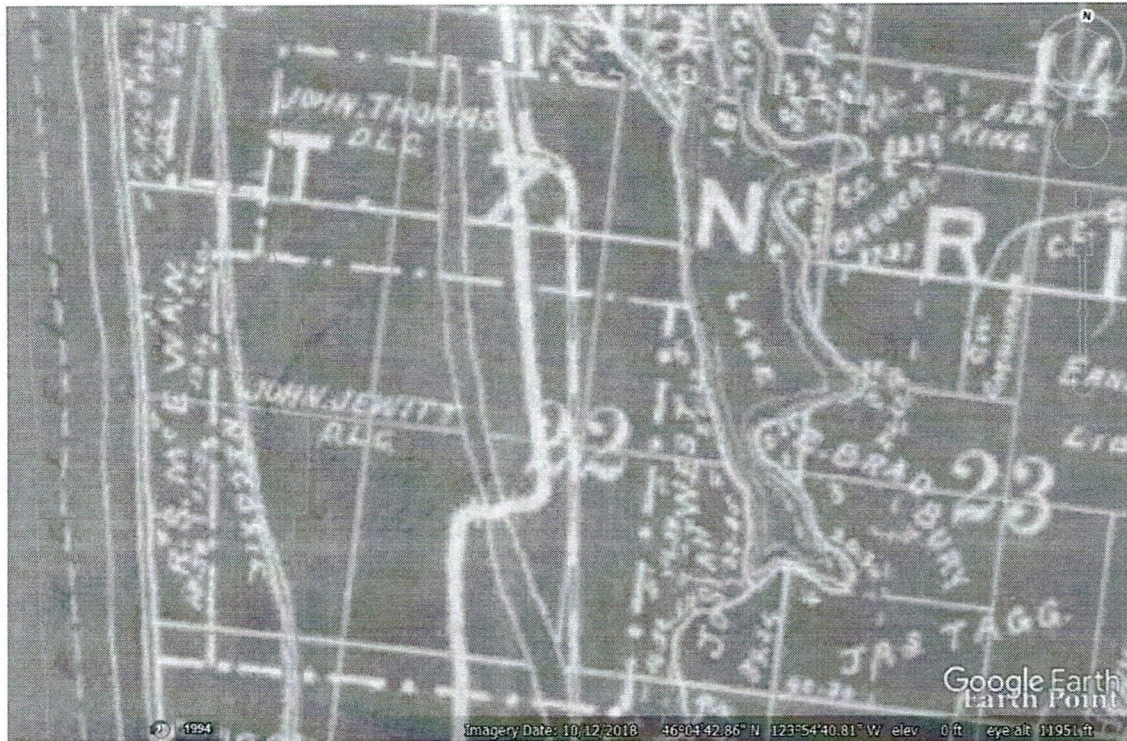
2Fred Lockley's 1913 interview of Josiah West per <http://jtenlen.drizzlehosting.com/ORBios/jwest.html>

3 More on Harrison's mill - <http://www.anthoniesmill.com/jinkerson-article.html>

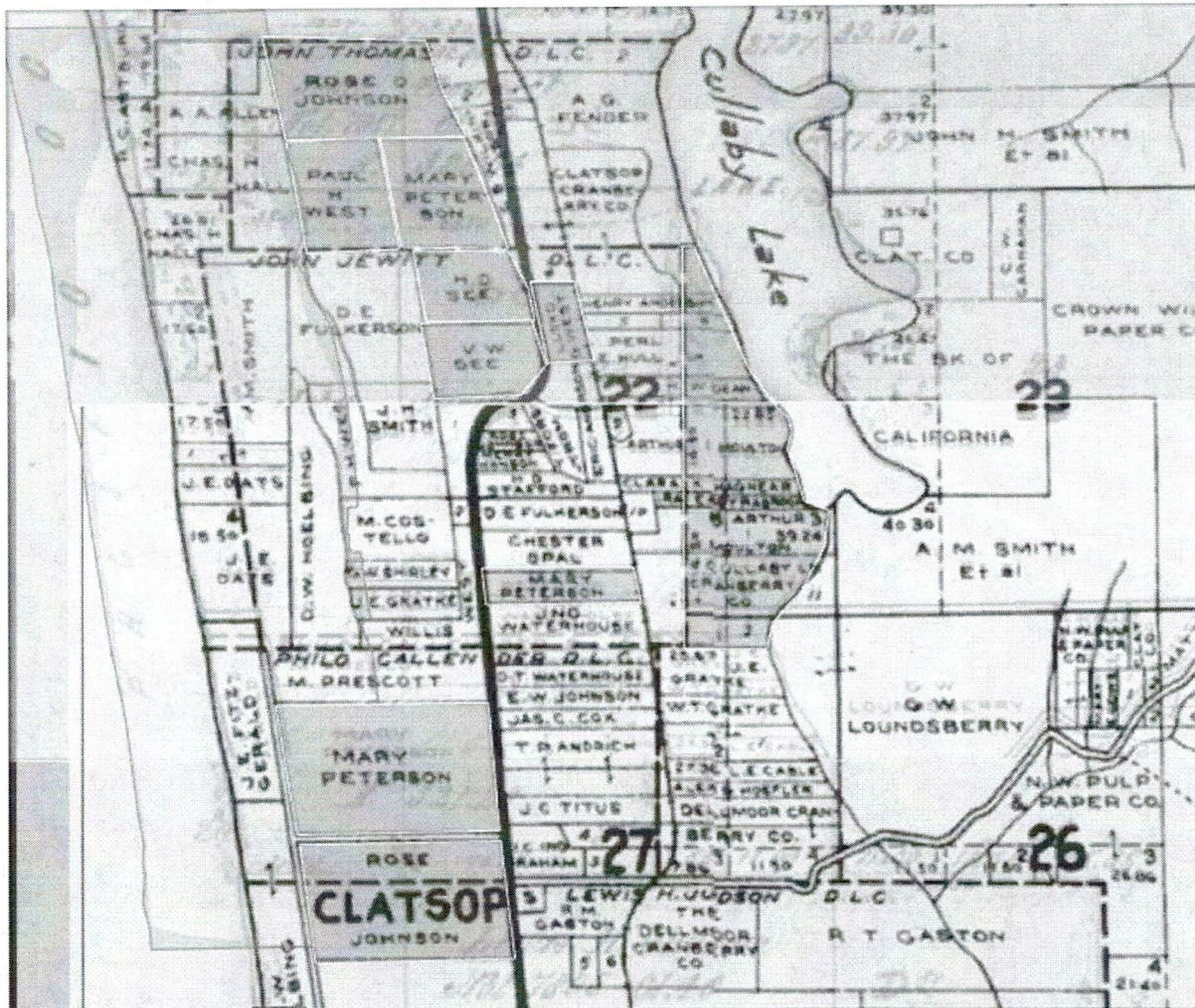
4 Life on Clatsop, by Inez Stafford Hanson, P. 49, 53,54

5 Fred Lockley's 1913 interview of Josiah West per <http://jtenlen.drizzlehosting.com/ORBios/jwest.html>

Portion of a GLO map showing DLCs in the area of the Josiah West.
The green line is the outline of the Surf Pines neighborhood.



1895 Astbury map showing 122 acre Josiah West parcel
east of the John Jewitt DLC and west of Cullaby Lake.



This 1930 Metzger map highlights some parcels owned at one time by Josiah West.

Josiah West's ranch area was large and his appreciation of family was evident in his gifting of many parcels to his children. Some Clatsop County parcels once held by Josiah West are highlighted on the above map. They include the 122 acre area on Lake Cullaby (currently owned by others) and many held by his children including Rose O. [Johnson], Paul H. West, Mary [Peterson], Violet C. (a.k.a. Violet West See), Violet's husband H. D. See, and Lloyd G. West. Dana Weston, granddaughter of Violet indicated there may be other parcels near Seaside too. Many Clatsop County parcels held the name "West" at the time of their land patent from the U.S. Patent Office. These are listed in the following table:

Image	Accession	Names	Date	Doc #	State	Meridian	Twp - Rng	Aliquots	Sec. #	County
---	OROCAA 018340	WEST, DAVID	7/3/1890	1909	OR	Willamette	007N - 006W	S½NE¼	1	Clatsop
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---	OROCAA 014014	WEST, JOHN	7/21/1873	3671	OR	Willamette	008N - 006W	S½	36	Clatsop
		WEST, MARGARET					008N - 006W	SW¼NW¼	36	Clatsop
							008N - 005W	Lot/Trct 4	31	Columbia
							008N - 005W	Lot/Trct 5	31	Columbia
							008N - 005W	Lot/Trct 6	31	Columbia
							008N - 006W	Lot/Trct 4	36	Clatsop
							008N - 006W	Lot/Trct 5	36	Clatsop
							008N - 006W	Lot/Trct 6	36	Clatsop
							008N - 006W	Lot/Trct 7	36	Clatsop
---	OROCAA 018185	WEST, JOHN	12/1/1871	952	OR	Willamette	008N - 006W	Lot/Trct 3	25	Clatsop
---	OROCAA 018193	WEST, JOHN	12/1/1871	964	OR	Willamette	008N - 006W	Lot/Trct 1	25	Clatsop
							008N - 006W	Lot/Trct 2	25	Clatsop
---	OROCAA 018335	WEST, JOHN	5/5/1890	2931	OR	Willamette	007N - 006W	SE¼	9	Clatsop
---	OROCAA 025510	WEST, LLOYD G	5/16/1906	8770	OR	Willamette	005N - 008W	S½NE¼	19	Clatsop
							005N - 008W	NE¼SW¼	19	Clatsop
							005N - 008W	NW¼SE¼	19	Clatsop
---	OROCAA 028459	WEST, LLOYD G	5/8/1901	6861	OR	Willamette	005N - 009W	E½E½	29	Clatsop
---	OROCAA 028459 01	WEST, LOYD G	5/8/1901	6861	OR	Willamette	005N - 009W	E½E½	29	Clatsop
---	OROCAA 028684	WEST, MARY L	2/12/1892	4113	OR	Willamette	006N - 009W	NE¼	20	Clatsop
---	ORPAA 028678	WEST, WILLIS J	6/26/1906	8857	OR	Willamette	005N - 009W	N½SW¼	29	Clatsop
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							005N - 009W	NW¼SE¼	29	Clatsop

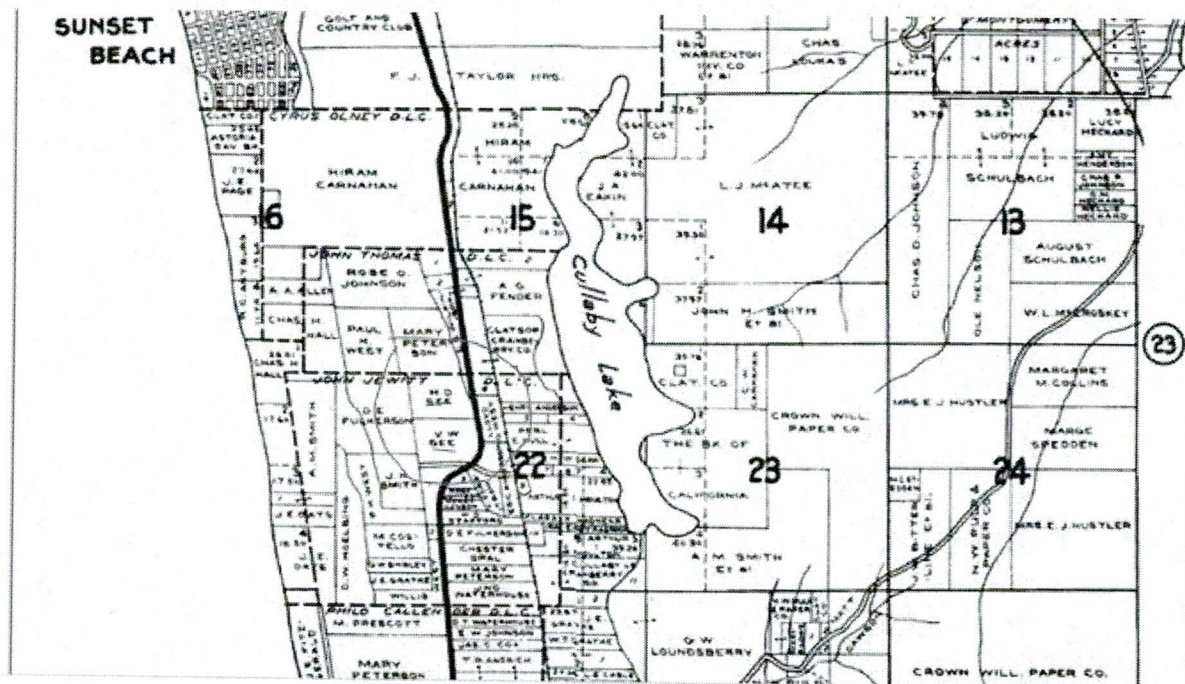
Land Patents with last name "West" in Clatsop County per U.S. Government Land Office

No Clatsop County parcels listed on the GLO land patent website have the name Josiah West however there are two located in other Oregon counties.

---	OROCAA 000810	WEST, JOSIAH	5/15/1869	312	OR	Willamette	003N - 001W	SE¼SW¼	8	Columbia
							003N - 001W	Lot/Trct 4	7	Columbia
							003N - 001W	Lot/Trct 3	8	Columbia
							003N - 001W	Lot/Trct 4	8	Columbia
							003N - 001W	Lot/Trct 5	8	Columbia
---	OROCAA 005994	WEST, JOSIAH	7/20/1871	135	OR	Willamette	001N - 003W	Lot/Trct 1	3	Washington
							001N - 003W	Lot/Trct 1	4	Washington
							001N - 003W	Lot/Trct 2	4	Washington

Land Patents with last name "West" in Clatsop County per U.S. Government Land Office

The See Family



1930 Metzger map showing two See parcels belonging to Harold D. See and Violet West See (daughter of Josiah West)

V.W. See = Violet West See has parcel on 1930 Metzger map

H.E. See = Harold See (should be Harold D. - see below) has parcel on 1930 Metzger map
Per 1940 Census Harold **D.** and Violet W. See, son Paul (13), daughter Cecile Adams (29, poultry farmer)

See family and West family association -

Per 1920 Census, Harold D. See (single) was a laborer at Josiah's stock farm, boarding in Josiah West (widow) dwelling.

He married Violet. Violet was the daughter Josiah and Lamira (also another Violet in the family was the daughter of Willis West and his wife, Lyla.

United States Census, 1920 Oregon Clatsop Seaside ED 85

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James	B	Daughter	7	W	9	P
Willis	H	Head	10	M	50	M
Lyla	W	Wife	7	W	43	M
Chester	W	Son	11	W	10	S
Violet		Daughter	7	W	8	S

1920 Census listing Willis and Lyla West's children Chester and Violet

Violet West

Oregon Deaths, 1842-1952 and Delayed Births, 1844-1914

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Name:	Violet West
Event Type:	Birth
Event Date:	02 Mar 1887
Event Place:	Astoria, Clatsop, Oregon, United States
Event Place:	Astoria, Clatsop, Oregon
Gender:	Female
Father's Name:	Josiah West
Mother's Name:	Lamira Harrison

Death record for Violet, daughter of Josiah and Lamira West

Location of See parcels

Dana Weston writes this regarding her grandparents parcels: "Those parcels are located where Dellmore Loop Rd. meets Hwy. 101 at West Lake. These parcels are a mile or 2 south of Reed & Hertig. There used to be a trail to the beach from there that passed the very southern tip of Sunset (Neacoxie) Lake. The first several hundred feet of the trail west of their parcels is now a gravel road (between the fire station and the coffee vendor) and it ends at the entrance to Carol Seppa's property. My grandparents retained ownership of the West Lake farm property but moved north of the West Lake area somewhere around 1920-1930 to a home on the highway that my cousins (Martin & Jack Adams) currently own. The West Lake farm property to the east of Hwy 101 was divided up and sold off over the years, but my cousins (Jack Sauer & Marie Hansmeier) still own the small portion of the farm that is located west of the highway. My parents built their current home in 1970 on the west side of the property that my grandparents had moved in the 20's."

Dana's paraphrased comments-

- Trail to beach, passed the very southern tip of Sunset (Neacoxie) Lake
- 1st several hundred ft of trail west of their parcels is now a gravel road (btwn fire sta and coffee vendor, ends at the entrance to Carol Seppa's prop)
- Grandparents retained ownership of the West Lake farm property but moved north of the West Lake area somewhere around 1920-1930 - - -To a home on the highway that my cousins (Martin & Jack Adams) currently own.
- West Lake farm prop to E of Hwy 101 was divided up and sold off over the years, but
- Cousins (Jack Sauer & Marie Hansmeier) still own the small portion of the farm that is located
- West of the hwy.
- My parents built their current home in 1970 on the west side of the prop
- That my grandparents had moved in [to?]the 1920's.

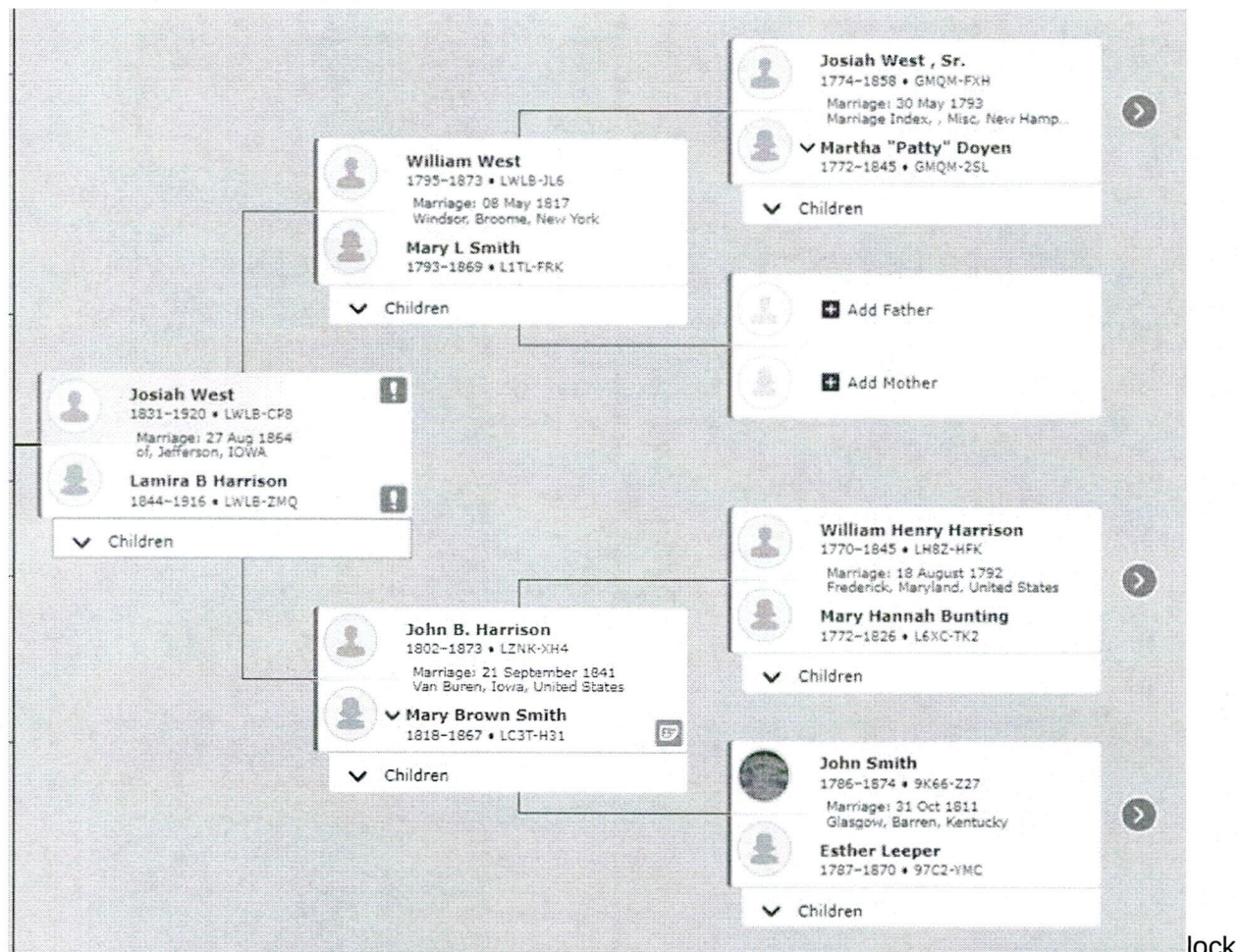
Multiple See lots - question from Tom Smith

"Why 2 See lots? Separate original DLC's? Gmother own her own lot b4 married Or listed separate because of change in land rules 320A per husband and wife?"

[Per Susan - Based on Lockley interview of Josiah where he states he gave properties to his children, and the presence of both male and female kids on multiple Surf Pines area parcel names, it appears the See lots were probably also handed down by Josiah. Per 19__ Census, Harold D. See was at one time a laborer on West's dairy farm. He later married Josiah's daughter . [A visit to the Clatsop County Assessor office could show the chain of events for these two properties.]

West Family Tree

Ancestors of Josiah and Lamira West



Children of Josiah and Lamira B. (Harrison) West

The had 9 children, per the Josiah - Lockley Conversation,

Josiah and Lamira (Harrison) West reared a family of nine children, as follows:

Mrs. **Mary Peterson**, a resident of Hillsboro, Oregon;
Lloyd G., living in Brownsville, this state;
Willis J., of whom more extended mention is made below;
Mrs. **Maud Prescott**, a resident of Alabama;
Mrs. **Daisy Fulkerson**, who makes her home near Seaside, Oregon;
Mrs. **Rose Johnson**, (born 1877?), living on a dairy farm in the vicinity of Seaside;
Theodore P., who is deceased;
Paul H., who operates a dairy ranch near Seaside, Oregon; and
Mrs. **Violet C. See**, who occupies a part of the old homestead on Clatsop Plains.

Appendix A

Newspaper Articles

This collection of news clippings from <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/> adds some detail to the Josiah West story:

Daily Astorian, Jan 4, 1879, P.3

—Mr. Josiah West, one of the most successful farmers of Clatsop county, paid us a social visit yesterday, and left substantial token of his appreciation of THE ASTORIAN. Mr. West began operations six or seven years ago on Clatsop with part of one farm and sixteen head of cows. He now has three farms, and over one hundred head of cows, and is fitted with many of the modern appliances such as farm machinery, etc. He is to-day working off his stock of cheese, and going out of that branch of business.

The dairy farm having the largest number of cows in the county, is that of Josiah West, on the Clatsop plains. Among the number (75) there are several grade Ayrshires, grade Holsteins and grade Jerseys. Mr. West owns the thorough-bred Holstein bull Wide Awake (3,202 H. H. B. Vol. 8) calved May 1st, 1884, dam "Success," (H. H. B. 1,316) grandam Silverbell sired by Lad of Walworth (957) grandam Lady Walworth (957). Milk record of dam at three years old, 54 lbs., 9 oz milk in one day; Silverbell at two years old, 52 lbs. of milk in one day. Dam's butter record, 14 lbs., 7 ounces butter in seven days; grand-sire B., weight at five years old, 2,450 pounds. Wide Awake was bought of D. C. Stewart, of Forest Grove, and comes from Yeoman's Holstein herd near Rochester, N. Y., is a very fine animal, weighing when a year old 840 pounds. Mr. West is engaged in raising horses and beef stock, as well as dairying, having now on hand about 200 head of cattle, besides 25 head of horses. During July the average make of cheese, "Clatsop Factory cream cheese" brand, amounted to 200 pounds daily. This make of cheese is of excellent quality, and always brings a good price and ready sales. Two sizes of cheese are made; one size 30 pounds, and another 7 to 8 pounds, the latter convenient for family use. The cheese making is done personally by Loyd West, who seems to thoroughly understand his business. Mr. West owns a fine bay stallion, Hambletonian 4 years old, 15½ hands high, weight, 1,050, said to have made his mile in three minutes.

G. Wingate owns a fine dairy farm on the plains, the Ward brothers having charge of it. The Ward brothers are engaged in cheese making, the average for May and June being 150 pounds per day. This is not all the product of this farm, it being run in connection with the Ward dairy farm where the cheese factory is located. The Ward brothers make a very fine cheese of good keeping qualities, ensuring the highest price the market affords. Mr. C. Ward formerly lived in California, where he had a long experience as a cheese maker. The

FIVE AND TEN
Acre Tracts
FOR SALE.

The undersigned is selling Five and Ten
Acre Tracts of the Donation Claim
of Judge Callender.

**Adjoining the Town of Clat-
sop Junction.**

Situated at the intersection of the South
Coast and Overland Railroads.

The Tracts are designed as Rural Home-
steads, are situated between the railroad and
the ocean beach with convenient streets to
both. The land has good natural drainage
with slightly places for building; is good for
fruit and vegetables.

This farm was formerly donated to the
public school, which is now in possession of
the proceeds of the sale. The interest on
this endowment with the public funds se-
cures the services of competent teachers for
three terms of school each year.

The leading citizens of Astoria are secur-
ing these tracts.

Price \$60 to \$100 Per Acre.

No Commission to Agents.

JOSIAH WEST.

Inquire of E. C. HOLDEN, or C. S. WRIGHT

ANGORA GOATS.

Farmers Bowlby and Taylor Tell of Their Value.

The Daily News reporter dropped in this morning on Farmers Bowlby and Frank Taylor while they were discussing the vast importance to Astoria of the Angora goat industry. "A superior judge from Seattle has just bought 200 Angora goats in Polk county, I see," said Farmer Bowlby. "He paid \$5 a piece for them and will stock his ranch near Seattle with this friend of the farmer."

"Josiah West, of Clatsop Plains has 200 of these goats on his Marion county farm," chimed in Farmer Taylor. "They each return \$1 a year or 20 per cent on the investment with their wool or mohair, which is in great vogue at this time. It has been down to 20 cents a pound, but is now up to 28 cents."

Morning Oregonian, Jan 9, 1902, P.4

At the close of this address Josiah West took occasion to give some comparative figures on results obtained from selling cream to the creameries and making the butter at home. He sold cream one month to a Salem creamery and got \$9 for it. The next month the butter was made at home by a farmer's wife and brought \$25. His purpose in giving these figures was to show that the farmers are not dependent on the creameries, and that the much detested farmer butter is not always so bad as represented.

The next speaker was H. E. Lounsbury, traveling freight agent of the Southern Pacific, who spoke on "Dairying in the Willamette Valley From a Railroad Standpoint."

Morning Astorian, Jan 22, 1907, P.5

DONE BY DEED.

Josiah West and wife to Paul
H. West, land in John Jewett
D. L. C. Love
A. M. Smith and wife to T. R.
Davies, lots in New Astoria..\$ 10

Morning Astorian, Jun 25, 1907, P.7, Section heading "Done By Deed"

Josiah West et ux to Portland,
Oregon & Sea Coast Railroad, a
strij 60 feet wide across land ad-
joining 60 feet across land adjoining
Lewis H. Judson's donation land... 200

Morning Oregonian, Oct 22, 1908, P.1

CROSSES COUNTRY TO CAST BALLOT

**OCTOGENARIAN WILL JOURNEY
6000 MILES TO VOTE.**

**Josiah West, Aged 77, Leaves Long
Island for His Home in
Clatsop County.**

RIVERHEAD, L. I. Oct. 21.—(Spe-
cial.)—Josiah West is going West to
vote and will travel 6000 miles to
vote for William H. Taft for President.
He left Riverhead today for his home
in Clatsop County, Oregon, and to reach
there will necessitate a journey of
about 6000 miles—and he is only 77
years old, at that.

Mr. West owns a ranch of 1400 acres
in Oregon, with a mile frontage on the
Pacific Ocean. He is as spry as a
cricket, well read and a most interest-
ing conversationalist. He has been
here visiting his nephew, Judge Stack-
pole. With him was his youngest
daughter, Miss Violet West, who is re-
turning with him.

Having lived next to nature for the
most part of his life, it is not strange
that Mr. West should have selected
botanical names for his girls. There
are Pansy, Rose, Daisy, Heliotrope,
Violet, and those people who met Miss
Violet declare that she is as modest
and sweet as her name suggests.

Sunday Oregonian, Jun 2, 1912, P.7

SURVEYS STIR ASTORIA

FIVE CREWS WORK QUIETLY ON LOWER COLUMBIA.

**Harriman and Hill Interests Both
Said to Be Represented and
Rumor of Electric Line Out.**

ASTORIA, June 1.—(Special.)—The presence of a large number of railroad surveyors in the lower Columbia River district is the cause of much speculation. There are at the present time five gangs of engineers comprising a total of over 80 men at work along the line of the half circle, beginning here. Two of these parties, the one at the Humbug and one on the ridge between the Humbug and Necanicum rivers, are known to be in the employ of the Harriman interests and are unquestionably seeking the best grade for a road from a connection with the Lytle line at Buxton via the Nehalem Valley and either the Lewis and Clark or Ne-

canicum rivers to Astoria and the beaches. Who the other surveying parties represent is not yet definitely known.

One party, consisting of 25 men, went to work last Tuesday about 16 miles below Seaside, while two other gangs are running a preliminary line between here and Seaside. One of these is in the neighborhood of the Josiah West ranch on Clatsop plains, while the other is working at the C. S. Brown place, and a third party is to be placed in the field within the coming few days. These three parties and the one below Seaside are said to be under the supervision of T. Walte, an engineer who is reported to have been identified for years with the engineering departments of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways.

This fact, coupled with the further assertion that one of the engineers in charge was in consultation with President Young and the other officials of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad during their recent visit to Seaside, has given rise to the belief that the North Bank line is arranging to shift its line from Warrenton south closer to the beach and to also extend the road to Tillamook and down the coast. Another current report is that all the surveyors are employed by the Southern Pacific, while still another is that the ones who are running the

AGED COUPLE DWELL IN HARMONY FOR 50 YEARS

Surrounded by Children and Grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah West, of Astoria, Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 12.—(Special.)

—Mr. and Mrs. Josiah West celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage August 27 at their residence on Clatsop Plains. There were at the dinner-table 26 children and grandchildren. There were present, beside the two celebrants, Mrs. Mary Peterson, of Forest Grove; Willis Josiah, Paul H. West and Mrs. Rose Johnson, of Seaside; Mrs. Daisy E. Fulkerson and Mrs. Violet Adams, of Clatsop Plains, with their families. The absent children were: Lloyd Garrison West, of Brownsville, and Mrs. A. W. Prescott, of Washington, D. C.

All the sons and daughters of the aged couple are married and have families, excepting Lloyd Garrison West. Mr. West is a believer in families and has made provision in his will for all of his grandchildren.

Mrs. West was born in Iowa 70 years ago. She crossed the Plains with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison, in 1846. Mr. Harrison was the first American to build a flour mill west of the Rocky Mountains. The Hudson Bay Company preceded him in Oregon City. Mr. Harrison hauled the burrs for his mill across the Plains in an ox wagon and built on Dairy Creek, six miles north of Hillsboro.

Mr. West was born 83 years ago in New York State. He is a pioneer of

1859. At 16 years of age he moved to Wisconsin with his parents. Returning to New York at the age of 21, he worked his way through a New York college by leasing a small tract and raising truck. He tired of grubbing out roots of dead languages and logarithms, mixed with truck-raising, obeyed Horace Greeley's command, and after a short stop in Wisconsin came to Oregon and finally to Clatsop, where he purchased during his first 20 years' residence six farms, giving a mortgage on each. He still owns 640 acres, having divided the remainder among his children. He is a veritable son of the soil. Was born on a farm, reared on a farm, works on a farm and loves broad acres and fine stock. He gave a farm to each of his children that wanted one.

Mr. West is proud of the fact that he reared nine children to the age of 21 years without the aid of a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. West are still hale and hearty. He sits his horse like a bunch-grass cowboy and frequently rides 10 miles to the tidelands, rounding up a band of steers.

Mr. West takes a keen interest in the affairs of the world and does his share of work every day.

People start just early enough to be too late.

ASTORIA, Or., Aug. 10.—(Special.)
—Josiah West, one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Clatsop county, died this morning at his home near West Station on Clatsop plains, aged 89. He was born in New York state on March 21, 1831.

When a young man Mr. West moved to Wisconsin. About 1855 he came to Oregon and settled in Washington county, near Hillsboro. At Forest Grove he married Miss Lamira Harrison about 1862. Mr. West is survived by five daughters and three sons: Mrs. Mary Peterson, Forest Grove; Mrs. Maud Prescott, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Daisy E. Fulkerson and Mrs. Rose Johnson, Seaside; Mrs. Violet Adams, Clatsop; Lloyd West, Brownsville; Willis J. and Paul H. West, Seaside. He also left 14 grandchildren.

Appendix B

Dana Weston - Tom Smith emails

From: Thomas Smith

Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2019 10:02 AM

Subject: West and See families

Dana Weston's Comments about her Dad Paul See and his Family

Tom: I do have one question you might know. In the 1930 Metzger maps it shows two lots owned by the See family at West lake. One was for H.E. See and the other was V.W. See. One of those was your Dads family when he talks about Good Time Charlie. Do you know which property was your dad's family lot and is it north or south of Reed Hertig? Reason is if I can identify which lot then I can figure out where Good Time Charlies still was based on his comment that people would walk through your dad's farm to get to Neacoxie lake to find Charlie.

When did your Dad's family move to the location that you and your Mom now live? Also are the Earl Family related to your family?

Dana: H. E. See was my grandfather (Harold) and V. W. See was my grandmother (Violet West See). Those parcels are located where Dellmoor Loop Rd. meets Hwy. 101 at West Lake. These parcels are a mile or 2 south of Reed & Hertig. There used to be a trail to the beach from there that passed the very southern tip of Sunset (Neacoxie) Lake. The first several hundred feet of the trail west of their parcels is now a gravel road (between the fire station and the coffee vendor) and it ends at the entrance to Carol Seppa's property. My grandparents retained ownership of the West Lake farm property but moved north of the West Lake area somewhere around 1920-1930 to a home on the highway that my cousins (Martin & Jack Adams) currently own. The West Lake farm property to the east of Hwy 101 was divided up and sold off over the years, but my cousins (Jack Sauer & Marie Hansmeier) still own the small portion of the farm that is located west of the highway. My parents built their current home in 1970 on the west side of the property that my grandparents had moved in the 20's.

The Earl family (Russel, Daniel, Steve & Lois) are related to my family, because my grandmother (Violet West See) was the sister of their grandmother. I think their grandmother's name was Rose West. My great grandparents (Josiah & Mary West) left New York and came to Clatsop Plains around 1860 and had one or two Donation Land Claims and started a dairy (among other businesses) at West Lake. They had at least 6 children and the West children all inherited parcels of property in the Clatsop Plains and Seaside area.

Tom: Excellent, That was very helpful. So those two lots were original Donation Claims so that is why they have separate listings? Did your Grandmother own her lot before she got married or is it listed separately because of the change in the rules that only 320 A to the husband and 320 for the wife. Based on your information I would bet that Good time Charlie's still would have been on the Malarkey Trust lots on Neacoxie lake just before the lake access area. I am going to take my drone over near there and see if I can find the depression of where it used to be as your Dad described it.

Dana: I believe that my grandparents' lots were a small part of her parent's (West) original donation land claims. I think Josiah West and Mary West probably each had a Donation Land Claim allotment, but I have only seen Josiah's name on the Donation Land Claim deeds. I believe that my grandmother (Violet West See) might have inherited her property before she got married to Harold See, because she actually had been married to Adams for a short time before that.

I hope you find Good Time Charlie's place. I should have asked my Dad to show me the location . . .

Clatsop Plains Description...

The daily morning Astorian., July 12, 1888, Image 2

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CLATSOP PLAINS.
Stock and Dairy Interests—Butter and Cheese Making—Clatsop Creamery Cheese.
(From the Pacific Farmer.)
To the tourists, naturalists and geologists, no less than to those interested in dairying and stock-raising, a visit to the Clatsop plains, however often repeated, will always show something new to please, interest and instruct. The Clatsop Plains country proper, extending from Fort Stevens, Skipanon and Young's bay, near the mouth of Lewis and Clarke river, and showing a frontage of six or seven miles, extends south a distance of about fifteen miles, narrowing to a mile or more in width at Tillamook head, is all of peculiar formation. Up and down the plains extend ridges, some of them miles in length, nearly parallel with the sea-shore, mostly of sandy formation, from ten to fifty

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The Clatsop Plains country proper, extending from Fort Stevens, Skipanon and Loitng's bay, near the mouth of Lewis and Clarke river, and showing a front age of six or seven miles, extends south a distance of about fifteen miles, narrowing to a mile or more in width at Tillamook head, is all of peculiar formation. Up and down the plains extend ridges, some of them miles in length, nearly parallel with the sea-shore, mostly of sandy formation, from ten to fifty and even a hundred feet or more in height, separated from each other by a few yards to a quarter mile or more distance, smooth and wavy like lofty billows chasing each other over the surface of the mighty deep. The tops and sides of these narrow and sharply-defined ridges, except the one nearest the beach, are for the most part, where undisturbed, covered with a close growth of velvet or, as it is sometimes called, inesquit grass. It is, however, not the true niesquitgrass such as is found indigenous to Texas. The hollow depressions, uncre not to low, will produce a mixture of grasses, such as timothy, velvet grass, Whit0 Clover and splprol ntlmr vhtipHps of native clover, of luxuriant and almost perennial growth, in oontrast to that on the ridges, which always shows a burnt, stunted appearance before the summer is over.

In Other Darts, mnrn nntipmlilv trnrnnl the extreme ends of the Plains, and the sides furthest inland, are giowths of spruce, alder and hemlock, and some fir, the largest body of the latter being on Skipanon (Skepaneown) creek, at a point of timber nearest its mouth. The term Skipanon, or rather Skepaneown, if we are to believe those most versed in Klatsup lore, is a name given to the creek generations ago, indu-ntin: by ill meaning the exaggerated lnraiidenngE of the stream like the gyr.ttoo movements of a snake when cniw.mg.

The bottom of the lowest depressions between the sandy ridges in many places, bcine about sea loci ami some

times below it, small lakes and pools of water or varying width aim tiepin are formed, causing much of the adjacent low-lying lands to become more or less swampy and boggy. A portion of these low lands, where reclaimed in a measure by drainage, have proven wonderfully productive. The open ridges and higher depressions, besides grass, produce in a favorable season fine crops of grain and vegetables.

In this description no reference has as yet been made to the tide lands of Clatsop, their character, extent, and the modus operandi in constructing dikes. The intention is to do this in a separate article hereafter to be published in The Farmer.

Appendix C

Josiah West - Lockley Interview

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Josiah West



Lockley, Fred. "History of the Columbia River Valley, From The Dalles to the Sea." Vol. 3. Chicago, S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1928. p. 796.

JOSIAH WEST

Josiah West had been a resident of Oregon for six decades when he passed away in Clatsop county on the 18th of November, 1920, at the venerable age of eighty-nine years. He was born at Castle Creek, Broome county, New York, March 11, 1831. His great-grandfather, Thomas West, fought as a British soldier in the Revolutionary war in 1776 but deserted to join the colonial army, with which he participated in the battle of Ticonderoga. Josiah West enjoyed the advantage of college training in the Empire state and taught school both before and after coming to Oregon. His experiences in this state are interestingly set forth in an interview with Fred Lockley in 1913. Mr. Lockley wrote: "Recently I visited Josiah West at his home near West Station, Clatsop county,

Oregon. Mr. West had just come in from his cranberry bog. When he had pulled off his rubber boots and stretched his toes comfortably to the snapping fire in the fireplace he said: 'No, you have come to the wrong man. I am not one of the pioneers here. I have only been in Clatsop county forty-two years. From New York, where I was born, I went to Wisconsin and in 1859 I came out to Oregon. I settled near Forest Grove, where I taught school. My people were great abolitionists. So was I. In fact, I went to an abolition college in the east and my early heroes were Theodore Parker, William Lloyd Garrison and men of that type. I married Lamira Harrison, whose father John Harrison, of Forest Grove, came to Oregon in 1846. He brought burs in his wagon across the plains for one of the first grist mills built in Oregon. There was considerable fever and ague in Washington county in those days so I decided to come down to the sea coast. You can know that I struck a healthy place when I tell you that I have raised nine children here and not one of them ever had a doctor until after he was of age. I bought a section of land when I first came here, for twenty-five hundred dollars, and I kept on buying as long as I found anyone willing to sell. I finally owned twenty-one hundred acres of land here and I don't believe you will find better land lying out of doors than this land. Clatsop county is one of the finest dairy countries in the world and with our salmon and timber we certainly have plenty of natural resources and raw materials to work on, for a long time to come. I cut my ranch up and gave a chunk to each of my children, so that I only have about a section left now. Some of the boys wanted to go elsewhere, so they have sold their places. A good deal of it was peat bog. We didn't use to know the value of it. Now they are planting it to cranberries and it is selling for three hundred dollars an acre. I had hundreds of acres of cranberry land but I gave it away, until I only have twelve acres of cranberry land left. For a good many years I was in the dairy business but I am getting a little old for that now, so I have sort of dropped out of it. With the ocean at our front door some of these days we are going to see this country build up for a summer resort.'

On the 29th of August, 1864, at Hillsboro, Oregon, Josiah West was united in marriage to Lamira Harrison, who was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, February 7, 1844, and passed away in Clatsop county, Oregon, November 18, 1916. She was but two years of age when in 1846 she was brought by her parents to Oregon, her father being among the first pioneer settlers of this state. She attended the old Pacific College at Forest Grove, in which her future husband was also a student. Josiah West was ever a stalwart champion of the cause of education, rendered efficient service on the school board for many years and gave all of his children the advantage of broad intellectual training. "Judge J. Q. A. Bowlby, attorney, came into the estate of Josiah West, pioneer. As the two veterans bent above the papers and documents one of them remarked: 'Who would have thought sixty years and more ago, that we two would get together here in Astoria some day and settle up the affairs of our old schoolmaster?' These two judges, as well as Congressman Thomas Tongue, went to school to Josiah West about sixty-four years ago in the part of Washington county near what is now North Plains. Josiah West later came to Clatsop county and settled on Clatsop Plains, where he died about eight years ago. The two pupils ultimately followed the schoolmaster, Cornelius to farm and Bowlby to practice law. Now the two, both judges, are settling the affairs of their old schoolmaster."

Josiah and Lamira (Harrison) West reared a family of nine children, as follows: Mrs. Mary Peterson, a resident of Hillsboro, Oregon; Lloyd G., living in Brownsville, this state; Willis J., of whom more extended mention is made below; Mrs. Maud Prescott, a resident of Alabama; Mrs. Daisy Fulkerson, who makes her home near Seaside, Oregon; Mrs. Rose Johnson, living on a dairy farm in the vicinity of Seaside; Theodore P., who is deceased; Paul H., who operates a dairy ranch near Seaside, Oregon; and Mrs. Violet C. See, who occupies a part of the old homestead on Clatsop Plains.

Willis J. West was born near Hillsboro, October 3, 1869, and supplemented his district school education by a course of study in Willamette University. Subsequently he assisted his father in the work of the home ranch for several years and then in 1900 went to Nome, Alaska, where he followed gold mining for two years. After returning to Oregon he engaged in the logging business on his own account until 1908, when he made his way to Marysville, California, where he purchased a farm, planted a fruit orchard and conducted a dairy farm near Live Oak in the Sacramento valley. On disposing of his property there he came back to Oregon in 1913 and bought a farm on the Necanicum river, a few miles south of Seaside. He cleared off most of the land that was still covered with brush and is now operating a large dairy there. Mr. West keeps about forty head of Holstein, Guernsey and Jersey cows and some pure bred registered sires. He also purchases about one thousand gallons of milk daily during the summer season, from neighboring farmers, and successfully conducts a large retail milk business at Seaside and Cannon Beach under the name of the West Dairy, utilizing five delivery trucks. He has an up-to-date milking machine. The modern and commodious barn which adorns his ranch was built in 1924.

Mr. West was married in 1909 to Lila P. Ross, a native of Michigan, and they are the parents of two children: Chester W., born in California in 1910 and now a high school student; and Violet, who was born in California in 1913 and is also attending high school. Fraternally Mr. West is affiliated with Seaside Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has served as a member of the school board and at all times has exerted his efforts and influence in behalf of community welfare and advancement. His well spent life has won him the esteem and friendship of all with whom he has been associated.

Transcriber's additional notes: Obituary

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Josiah West, one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Clatsop county, died this morning at his home near West Station on Clatsop plains, aged 89. He was born in New York state on March 21, 1831.

When a young man Mr. West moved to Wisconsin. About 1855 he came to Oregon and settled in Washington county, near Hillsboro. At Forest Grove he married Miss Lamira Harrison about 1852. Mr. West is survived by five daughters and three sons: Mrs. Mary Peterson, Forest Grove; Mrs. Maud Prescott, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Daisy E. Fulkerson and Mrs. Rose Johnson, Seaside; Mrs. Violet Adams, Clatsop; Lloyd West, Brownsville; Willis J. and Paul H. West, Seaside. He also left 14 grandchildren.

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